

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MAY 17, 2011

Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

- A. Opening Prayer was given by George Denholm from St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Armstrong.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, James Lienhoop, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson and Priscilla Scalf were present.
- D. Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting of May 4, 2011. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

**II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 9, 2011, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2011." Ben Wagner, Director of the Parks Department, presented this Ordinance. He recapped the items that will be purchased for the Commons and discussed the Commons Capital Non-Reverting Fund. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

**III. New Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA." Council Member George Dutro presented this Ordinance. He is presently a Commons Board Member. He discussed in detail the Board member appointments and their role as it relates to the Commons Board. Brief discussion followed. Ann DeVore moved to place in proper channels. Joseph Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. First Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 9, 2011, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA APPROVING ISSUANCE OF TAX INCREMENT REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT." Ed Curtin, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Commission, presented this Resolution along with Tom Vujovich, President of the Redevelopment Commission. Ed explained to Council the need for the \$600,000 loan with the Indiana State Revolving

Loan Fund. He indicated the Redevelopment Commission desires to undertake environmental remediation of the former Columbus Wood Preserving site located in the Development Area at approximately 1st Street and Lafayette Street. Ed briefly spoke of the process of removing the contaminated soil, replacing the soil and capping the site. He indicated this was an interest free loan that would be repaid no later than twenty-three (23) years from the date of issuance. This loan would be repaid with TIF dollars. Lengthy discussion followed. Several people in the audience spoke against incurring this debt. Many questions were asked regarding the site and the loan. Discussion continued. George Dutro made a motion to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- C. First Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2011, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA APPROVING LOAN FROM CUMMINS FOUNDATION TO CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.” Ed Curtin, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Commission, explained to Council the need for a loan in order to build out the tenant space at the Commons and to build out the IU Center for Arts and Design in downtown Columbus. This loan will allow these projects to move forward. The amount of the loan will not exceed \$500,000. It is an interest free loan and is to be paid back by December 31, 2016. Discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to approve the Resolution. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- D. First Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2011, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA APPROVING LOAN FROM HERITAGE FUND TO CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.” Ed Curtin indicated this Resolution was exactly the same as Item C. with the only difference being the lender is the Heritage Fund. All terms are the same as with Item C. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Resolution. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

#### **IV. Other Business**

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 7, 2011** at 6:00 o’clock P.M. in City Hall.
- C. Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Joseph Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M.

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Presiding Officer

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Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus